

What is claimed is:

1. A flare stopper to be installed in a lens barrel for holding a taking lens, an inner periphery for defining a circular opening to pass incident light upon said taking lens being formed  
5 in said flare stopper, said inner periphery having the form of a side face of a circular truncated cone.

2. A flare stopper as recited in claim 1, wherein said flare  
10 stopper is made of a phosphor bronze plate by sheet metal stamping.

3. A flare stopper as recited in claim 2, wherein the thickness of said phosphor bronze plate is approximately 0.03 mm.

15 4. A flare stopper as recited in claim 1, wherein said flare stopper is made of Mylar (trade name) by sheet metal stamping.

5. A flare stopper as recited in claim 4, wherein the thickness of said Mylar is approximately 0.03 to 0.05 mm.

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6. A taking lens unit comprising:

a lens barrel;

plural lens elements contained in said lens barrel; and

a flare stopper disposed between said lens elements,  
25 wherein an inner periphery for defining a circular opening to pass incident light upon said taking lens unit is formed, and said inner periphery is inclined with respect to an optical axis of said taking lens unit.

7. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

a spacer disposed between said lens elements, wherein said  
5 flare stopper in said taking lens unit is attached to said spacer.

8. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 6, wherein said  
flare stopper is made of a phosphor bronze plate by sheet metal  
stamping.

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9. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 8, wherein the  
thickness of said phosphor bronze plate is approximately 0.03 mm.

10. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 6, wherein said  
15 flare stopper is made of Mylar (trade name) by sheet metal  
stamping.

11. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
thickness of said Mylar is approximately 0.03 to 0.05 mm.

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12. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 10, wherein said  
lens element presses and deforms said flare stopper so that said  
inner periphery is inclined with respect to said optical axis of  
said taking lens unit.

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13. A taking lens unit as recited in claim 6, wherein said  
flare stopper is nipped and held between said lens element and  
said spacer.